

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicant confirms the election of the method invention.

Regarding the objection to claims 7 and 10 in section no. 6 of the Official Action, see the amendment made in claim 5 from which claims 7 and 10 depend.

Claim 1 has been replaced by new claim 24 which recites the subject matter of now canceled claim 14 that was indicated as directed to allowable subject matter in the Official Action. Claim 1 also recites the subject matter of intervening claim 4, but not the subject matter of intervening claim 5, it being felt that new claim 24 is allowable in the absence of the claim 5 subject matter.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims distinguish patentably over the prior art, and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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